

Statement by Kelly L. Razzouk, Advisor, to introduce the Third Committee Resolution A/C.3/66/L.43/Rev. 1 “Strengthening the Role of the United Nations in Enhancing Periodic and Genuine Elections and the Promotion of Democratization,” November 18, 2011

Thank you Mr. Chair,

It is my pleasure to bring before the Committee for Action the resolution entitled Strengthening the Role of the United Nations in Enhancing Periodic and Genuine Elections and the Promotion of Democratization, L. 43, Rev. 1.

Mr. Chair, we are very pleased this year to have over 80 cosponsors from across regions. We appreciate the constructive engagement of delegations on the text and the revised version that was tabled incorporates the views of delegations.

This year’s text reaffirms that democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of the people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives.

This year’s text also includes new elements recognizing the importance of fair, periodic and genuine elections, including in new democracies and countries undergoing democratization in order to empower citizens to express their will and to promote successful transition to long-term sustainable democracies.

We appreciate the support of delegations for this text and we hope it will again be adopted by consensus as it has been in the past.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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